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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 2/16/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In their response applicant elected 2 species for the molecule (now amended as molecular tag). Applicant elected the species alkaryl and aralkyl groups having between about 7 and about 40 carbon atoms, and the species 4-aminopheno for the molecular tag. It seems that claims 24 and 25 are claiming species for a molecular tag. Both claims seem to be directed to the same molecular tag. Therefore applicant is required to elect a single species. Applicant has to elect the molecular tag being alkaryl and aralkyl groups having between about 7 and about 40 carbons atoms or 4-aminophenol which is not an alkaryl or aralkyl group having between about 7 and about 40 carbon atoms. If applicant elect the molecular tag being alkaryl and aralkyl groups having between about 7 and about 40 carbons atoms, then claim 23 will be examined and claim 24 withdraw. If applicant elects the molecular tag being 4-aminophenol, then claim 24 will be examined and claim 23 withdraw. Applicant is required to elect one species only. Applicant must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, **and a listing of all claims readable thereon.** See 37 CFR 1.111.

As stated in the previous communication, mailed 1/21/05, the examiner will respond to applicant' s arguments regarding the restriction of Group I and II, after receiving a complete response regarding the species requirement.

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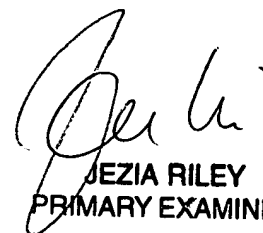
Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jezia Riley whose telephone number is 571-272-0786. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on 571-272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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